

REMARKS

The claims are 1 to 12. The claims are subject to a restriction requirement and an election of species. It is the Examiner's position that the claims set forth two distinct groups classified differently in the Patent Office Classification System. Further, the Examiner has required the election of a single member at each substituent group or moiety, and the identification of a single compound, together with a list of all claims readable thereon. This is required because the extensive literature search intended to be carried out by the Examiner would be unduly burdensome for all the compounds covered.

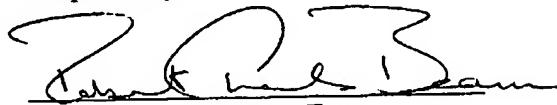
The Examiner's position in this regard is, respectfully, traversed in its entirety. While Applicants understand the difficulty of a complete literature search, having done so themselves, there are only eleven compounds covered by the main claim, seven in Group I and four in Group II. To follow the Examiner's restriction and election requirements appears to limit the present application to a single compound, as in Japanese practice. There is no need for such a narrowly drawn definition of invention as that would require. All eleven of the compounds in both combined groups share the same structural backbone. A search of any of the individual compounds would be expected to involve the same classes and sub-classes within the Patent Office Classification system. Applicants see no need to limit the scope of their invention to facilitate the Examiner's search of other sources.

Applicants provisionally and with traverse elect Group I, and identify the species identified as 5 in the main claim and throughout the application. This species is

specifically recited in Claim 6. Within Group II, since an election within the non-elected group appears to be called for by the Examiner, the applicants would identify the species identified as 7 in the main claim and throughout the application. This species is specifically recited in Claim 8.

WHEREFORE, in view of the above Remarks, examination and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully,



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